

ARRL-sponsored Forums

**2026 ARRL National Convention
at the Huntsville Hamfest
Saturday & Sunday, August 22 – 23, 2026
Von Braun Center South Hall**

A complete list of Huntsville Hamfest forums can be found at
hamfest.org
revised 7/29/2026



Growing Amateur Radio through Vibrant Radio Clubs

**Saturday 10 AM – 11 AM
Room 2**

Presenters:

- Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, ARRL Emergency Communications and Field Services Director
- Dr. Lisa M. Shier, President, Huntsville Area YL Amateur Radio Club (HAYLARC)

2026 is the ARRL Year of the Club. The growth and development of amateur radio rely on our vibrant community of radio clubs. Learn about best practices and resources to build strong radio clubs and eco-systems that recruit, train, license, and develop hams. Everyone is invited, and club leaders are especially welcome to participate! *Sponsored by ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®.*

Engaging the Next Generation Radio Amateurs

**Saturday 11 AM – 12 PM
Room 2**

Presenter: Max Freedman, N4ML, ARRL Education & Learning Support Specialist

ARRL's mission includes developing the next generation of radio amateurs. Learn about the programs, resources, and opportunities that are helping introduce young people to amateur radio, inspiring them to be active hams, and encouraging them to pursue higher education and careers in wireless technology and radio communications. *Sponsored by ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®.*

Continue >



ARRL-sponsored Forums (continued)

ARRL Alabama Section and ARES® Meeting

Saturday 12 PM – 1 PM

Room 2

Moderator: Dennis Littleton, K4DL, ARRL Section Manager – Alabama

Join us for a discussion on key ARRL issues relevant to the Alabama Section and updates on the upcoming Simulated Emergency Test (SET). *Sponsored by ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®.*

ARRL Membership Forum

Saturday 2 PM – 3 PM

Room 2

Moderator: Mickey Baker, N4MB, ARRL Director – Southeastern Division

What's next for ARRL — and for you as an active radio amateur? Gather with ARRL leaders for a look at how the organization is working to promote, protect, and grow amateur radio. Hear updates on outreach to students and educators, the momentum behind the Year of the Club, ARRL's partnership with America250, and the latest legislative advocacy shaping your operating future. Whether you're a long-time member or just getting started, you're invited to bring your curiosity and interest to help ARRL advance amateur radio across the country – and around the world. *Sponsored by ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®.*

Salty Walt's Portable Antenna Forum

Saturday 3 PM – 4 PM

Room 2

Presenter: "Salty Walt" Hudson, K4OGO

Join "Salty Walt" Hudson, K4OGO — of the popular *Coastal Waves and Wires* YouTube channel — for a lively, practical look at building portable antennas that really perform. Walt shows how to create simple, effective antennas you can take to a park, beach, or summit, and make contacts around the world. Drawing from his ARRL books, including *Salty Walt's Portable Antenna Sketchbook* and *Salty Walt's NEXT LEVEL Portable Antenna Sketchbook*, he shares designs, tips, and real-world insights you can use right away. *Sponsored by ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®.*

